

SEARCH AND RESCUE

Department Overview

The Search & Rescue Fund was created after the voters approved a mill levy of up to 1.00 restricted to search and rescue needs. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for all search and rescue missions in the county. Trained Deputy Sheriff's act as incident commanders in support of highly skilled volunteer groups. The volunteers are organized into specialty groups including:

- Sheriff's Posse,
- Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association,
- Gallatin Ham Radio Club,
- Civil Air Patrol,
- Big Sky Search and Rescue,
- West Yellowstone Search and Rescue,
- Tactical Divers,
- Alpine Hasty Team,
- The Salvation Army,
- Backcountry Hasty Team,
- Western Montana Search Dogs.

Volunteers that make up Search and Rescue in the county come from all walks of life including professors, construction workers, doctors, retired persons, computer programmers and real estate brokers. We have recognized experts in the fields of technical climbing, technical radio operation, avalanches, extreme snowmobile operation and search operations.

The Board meets on a regular basis and prioritizes the utilization of the tax funds generated by the millage. In FY 09 the millage will be .86, up .33 from previous years.

Department Goals

- Increase public knowledge of department.
 - Continue advanced training.
 - Implement a staff development program for all volunteers.
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Recent Accomplishments

- Completion of a Search and Rescue headquarters.
- Successfully received authority, in FY 09, to levy .33 mills to meet capital needs of Search and Rescue units. Future year funding will depend on the success of justification submitted. The minimum amount to be funded will remain at .53 mills.

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Department Budget

Object of Expenditure	Actual FY 2007	Final FY 2008	Actual FY 2008	Request FY 2009	Preliminary FY 2009	Final FY 2009
Personnel	\$ 14,981	\$ 10,700	\$ 13,241	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 16,900
Operations	69,773	106,282	92,810	115,816	115,816	115,816
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	7,200	31,250	20,023	100,000	100,000	100,000
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 91,954	\$ 148,232	\$ 126,074	\$ 230,316	\$ 230,316	\$ 232,716

Budget by Fund Group

General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Revenue Funds	91,954	148,232	126,074	230,316	230,316	232,716
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 91,954	\$ 148,232	\$ 126,074	\$ 230,316	\$ 230,316	\$ 232,716

Funding Sources

Tax Revenues	\$ 94,604	\$ 104,089	\$ 103,048	\$ 177,084	\$ 177,084	\$ 179,484
Non-Tax Revenues	8,010	13,500	14,150	18,600	18,600	18,600
Cash Reappropriated	(10,660)	30,643	8,876	34,632	34,632	34,632
Total	\$ 91,954	\$ 148,232	\$ 126,074	\$ 230,316	\$ 230,316	\$ 232,716

Department Personnel

Personnel Summary

No	FT/PT	Title	FTE
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All volunteer team

Total Program FTE 0.00

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2009 Budget Highlights

Personnel

- SAR coordinators stipend collateral pay to come out of regular personnel budget.

Operations

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Capital

- Requests include: Ice rescue boats(2) - \$9,000, Enclosed trailer - \$10,000, Snowmobile trailer - \$3,000, Response truck - \$70,000, ATV - \$8,000,

County Commission Goals/Department Response

The County Commission established a set of overarching goals for the county government. Listed below are the County Commission's goals, followed by the methods by which the Search and Rescue is striving to fulfill those goals.

Exceptional Customer Service

- Faster Response time
- Comply with City, County and Federal Standards
- Quick, caring & skillful service delivery

Be Model for Excellence in Government

- Faster Response Time
- Strive to be best in state
- Train & maintain an exceptional talented volunteer work force
- Deliver critical life safety services that saves county tax dollars

Improve Communications

- Increased public knowledge of department – receive positive impression from public

To be the Employer of Choice

- Not applicable

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WORKLOAD INDICATORS/PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Workload Indicators		Actual	Actual	Estimated	Projected
Indicator		FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
1 .	Rescues performed	26	40		
2 .	Searchs performed	43	53		

Performance Measures		Actual	Actual	Estimated	Projected
Measure		FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
1 .	Recover 100% of our subjects	100%	100%		
2 .	Searchs launched for lost individuals	17			
3 .	1st resources dispatched in less than 1/2 hour	90%	90%		

Comments